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CONTAINING CYCLOPENTANONE
STRUCTURES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Madam:

This letter is in response to an Office action dated 23 January 2003 wherein restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is required.

The office action contends the claims presently under consideration in the application are directed to four distinct inventions identified as follows:

- I Claims 1-16 and 21-27, drawn to a method of production of a polymer having at least one unit that contains at least one cyclopentenone structure with at least two aromatic rings;
- II Claims 17-20, 41-44, 59-62 and 70-75, drawn to a polymer and LED;
- III Claims 28-40 and 45-53, drawn to a method for the production of a polymer having at least one unit that contains at least two aromatic rings;
- and
- IV Claims 54-58 and 63-69 drawn to a method for the production of a polymer having at least one unit that contains at least two aromatic rings.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, Applicants elect for prosecution claims directed to the claims grouped in the Office action as Invention I, without waiving the right to reinstatement of the non-elected claims grouped as Invention II, III, or IV at a later time.

Application request substantive examination of the elected claims in due course.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of January 2003.



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